Remarks

Applicant has canceled claims 1-6, and added new claims 7-10. In addition, applicant has amended the specification for clarity.

New claims 7-10 read on the species identified as piezoelectric which was elected for prosecution without traverse in response to the previous restriction requirement.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, at line 24 with the paragraph shown below:

A [bellview] Belleville washer 210 is used to distress or activate the PZT material. The [bellview] Belleville washer is arranged to have a negative load-deflection curve so that the [bellview] Belleville contacts the PZT material with the same force every time the [bellview] Belleville is pushed beyond a certain critical point or switch threshold. This insures a reliable source of power for the transmitter once the switch threshold is overcome. The higher the height of the [bellview] Belleville, the greater the magnitude of the negative deflection and corresponding distress applied to the PZT material. Using a negative mechanical motion allows the activation process to be independent of the force applied to the [bellview] Belleville. For a large [bellview] Belleville, thinning part of the [bellview] Belleville will increase the size of the spot needed to be pushed to obtain the maximum negative deflection of the PZT material.